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APPLICANT:

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
SURGICAL TREATMENT OF  
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be amended as indicated below before consideration of patentability on the merits.

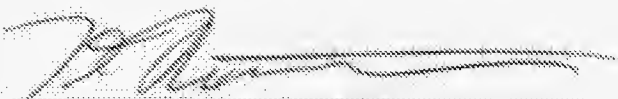
Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 9.

Respectfully submitted,

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